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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS-PHILARTE QUARTET

REF: A) STATE 022880, B) STATE 023377, C) STATE 023478

1. POST HAS DISCUSSED WITH ARIA PROPOSAL TO COOPERATE
IN BRINGING PHILARTE QUARTET HERE FOR TWO PERFORMANCES
DURING JUNE 5-7 PERIOD. UNDER OUR ARRANGEMENTS, ARIA WILL PAY
BUDAPEST-BUCHAREST-BUDAPEST INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ABOARD
TAROM FOR FOUR PERSONS AND HOTEL COSTS HERE FOR TWO OR THREE
NIGHTS. POST WILL PAY PERFORMANCE FEE FOR TWO CONCERTS OF
\$1200. GROUP WOULD DO ONE AMERICAN LIBRARY PERFORMANCE AND
ONE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE UNDER ARIA SPONSORSHIP.

2. PRESENT DIFFICULTY IS WITH DATES AND TRAVEL SCHEDULE.
OUR ARRANGEMENT WITH ARIA CALLS FOR THEM TO PROVIDE ACTUAL
TRAVEL TICKETS SINCE REIMBURSEMENT IN LEI FOR THESE COSTS
WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE TO GROUP. STATE 023377 SEEMS TO IMPLY
LATTER ARRANGEMENT. IF OUR ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT THAT ACTUAL
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TICKETS ARE DESIRED, DOES GROUP PLAN BUDAPEST-BUCHAREST-
BUDAPEST ITINERARY? IF NOT, NEED TO KNOW ACTUAL CITY FOR

ONWARD TRAVEL FROM BUCHAREST. IN ADDITION, TRAVEL MUST BE ABOARD TAROM WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTURE FROM BUDAPEST JUNE 4 OR 6 WITH ARRIVAL HERE AT 1730 TOO CLOSE FOR PERFORMANCE THAT EVENING. SINCE TWO EVENINGS REQUIRED FOR PERFORMANCES, IS JUNE 4-7 OR JUNE 6-9 SCHEDULE POSSIBLE?

3. ARIA, MEANWHILE, IS SEEKING FORMAL APPROVAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. IN PRINCIPLE, THEY ARE EAGER TO PROGRAM PHILARTE QUARTET PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT EMBASSY COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT PROPOSAL ELIMINATES U.S. DOLLAR COSTS. WE NEED, HOWEVER, TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS IN PARA 2 AND COMMUNICATE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO ARIA AT AN EARLY DATE.
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